GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2372
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2002
MACHINERIES EQUIPMENTS INSTALLED IN GOVERNMENT PRESSES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in July, 2000 the Government furnished information to the Public Accounts Committee about the machineries/equipments installed in various Government Presses and purchase of around 90121.244 Mt. Printing Paper;

(b) whether the information so furnished is at variance with the information mentioned in the CAG special investigatingreport laid before Rajya Sabha on 22.11.2001; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTEROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRSND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY C URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)
(a): Information about machineries/equipments installed in various Govt. of India Presses and procedure ofpurchase of paper was furnished to the Public Accounts committee in July, 2000.

(b)&(c): Factual information furnished to the Public Accounts Committee was not at variance with the information in the CAG Special Investigation Report. However, the conclusions drawn in the Special Investigation REport are at variance. The only basic difference has been about the extent of capacity utilization of various machines. The Audit have assessed `Capacity Utilization` on the basis of `Rated Capacity` indicated in the Acceptance of Tender. The Audit has multiplied the maximum speed of the machine with the total annual working hours. In reply to these observations of Audit, it has been explained that `Capacity Utilization` i s worked out with reference to `Annual assessed Capacity` of the machine and not with respect to the `Rated Capacity` indicated in the Acceptance of Tender. The maximum speed as indicated in the Acceptance of Tender can only be achieved in ideal conditions which do not exist in practive. The speed at which a particular machine can be run also depends on the nature of job and various other factors. further with the passage of time there is erosion in the operational efficiency of the machine. therefore, the `Annual Assessed Capacity` of the machine is assessed at regular intervals and it keeps on changing with passage of time. This clarification has been provided to the Audit on 7.8.2001 and no further comments have so far been received from the audit.